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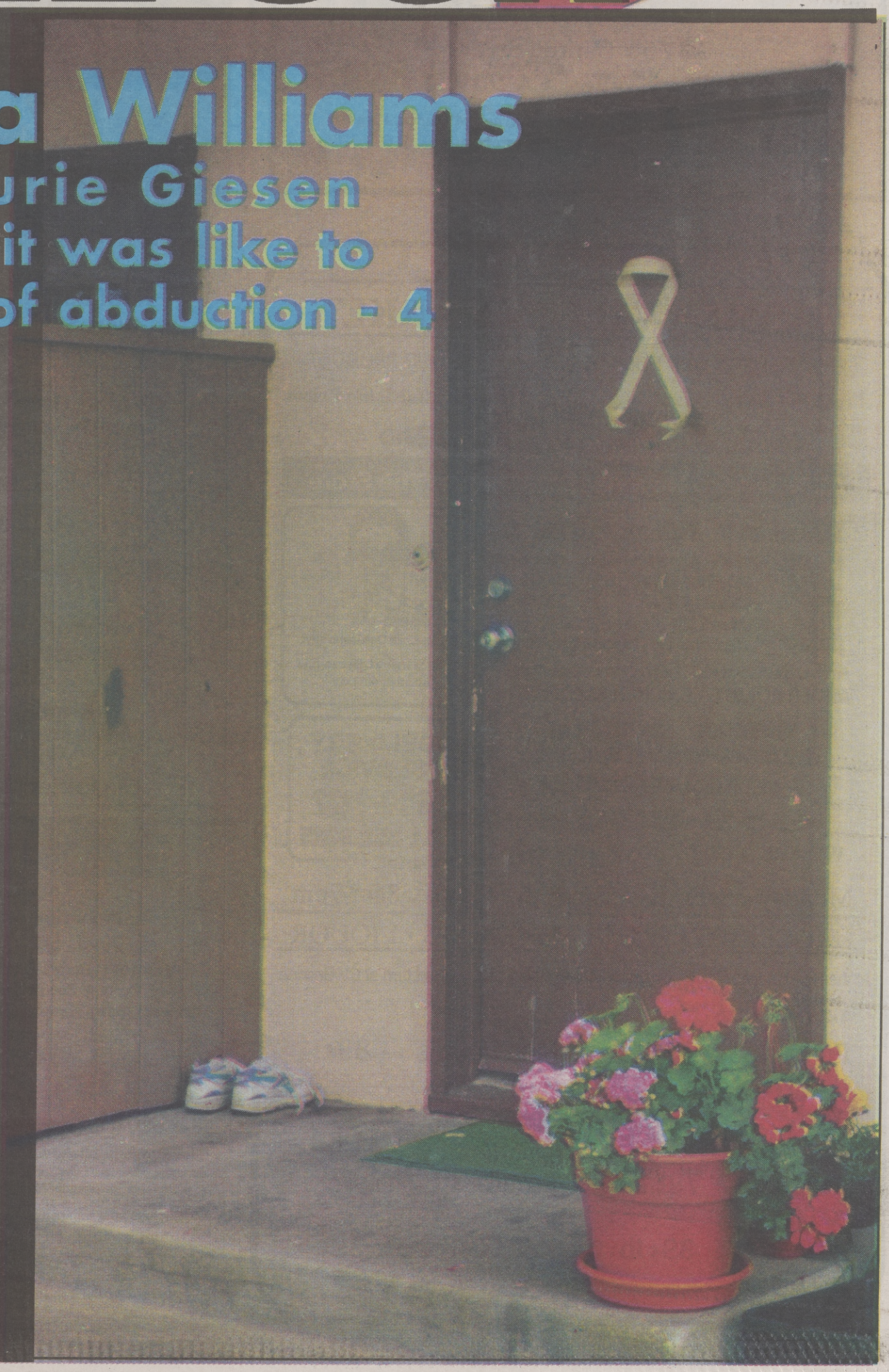

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Letters

CV Sheriff Field Office

Editor,

I was pleased to read about the plans of our new Sheriff, Gordon Sonne, to open a field office for deputies who work the upper Carmel Valley and Cachagua areas. The recognition on the part of law enforcement officials of our need for this presence is encouraging. Our population is burgeoning in Carmel Valley. Sheriff Sonne, thank you for the support.

Demi Briscoe, President
Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce

Same Old Dam

Editor,

Citizens for Alternative Water Sources (CAWS) just completed review of Cal-Am's new dam EIR delivering 10 pages of comments to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. It's still the same dam that the voters rejected in '95; its description as no growth is false.

CAWS wants to resolve the Peninsula's water problems by means other than a dam. They're cheaper, faster and will not decimate Cachagua as the dam will. The Cal-Am/Water District analysis of alternatives is seriously flawed because:

- Each of the detailed alternative packages include a big desal plant, driving up costs. A smaller desal plant, which will provide for drought reserve and legal lots of record and remodels wasn't even looked at.
- Cal-Am's desal costs are misleading because they were jacked up 25 to 50% above actual 1998 capital and operating cost data.
- Cal-Am tied importation of water from the Central Valley to unnecessary artificial constraints. This highly viable alternative was examined in a most cursory manner.
- Cal-Am cites many rickety reasons why they did not apply for additional water rights from the State Water Resources Control Board rather than vigorously applying for such rights just like the state board said they could.

The adverse construction traffic impacts have been grievously understated by Cal-Am. Not only the proposed Cal-Am dam project but the proposed San Clemente Dam retrofit project and the Hatton Canyon project may all go forward at the same time. No analysis of the combined traffic occurred. Ten year old traffic data was used as well. The shortened Cal-Am project will add massive amounts of heavy construction traffic on Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road all day, each day, for 6 days a week. Traffic jams will be unprecedented. Maybe that's just to soften us up for the growth and traffic to follow.

CAWS
John Brennan and Charity Crane

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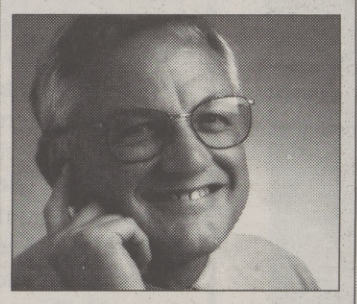

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Ted Horton, Vice President, Resource Management, Pebble Beach Company

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LAURIE GIESEN Shares her Experience of Covering the Christina Williams Case for the *San Jose Mercury News*

ABDUCTIONS AND DEATHS AREN'T THE KIND OF STORIES I LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT.

Upbeat stories about people who are making positive contributions to society are much more to my liking, and maybe to yours. Individuals from Carmel Valley such as performance coach Dr. Bee Epstein-Shepherd; the tomato man, Gary Ibsen, who created a school garden project; and Ray Berta, who works magic with horses, are the kind of individuals I prefer to focus on in articles.

Nor do I typically write in the first person for newspapers. However, when The Sun's publisher, Elizabeth Cowley, asked me if I had information about the Christina Williams story that wasn't getting into the mainstream press, I thought of a song that was edited out of a story I worked on for a major newspaper in our area. And I also thought you, the reader, could identify with a few important life lessons that I saw reinforced from this tragedy after having written or contributed to more than 20 stories about the Williams abduction as a stringer on the Monterey Peninsula for the *San Jose Mercury News.*

Christina's story was hard on everyone with a heart. And it's from there that these words flow.

The front door of the Williams home last summer - Christina's gym shoes await her with the family's hope she'd return home soon.
Photo by Laurie Giesen

EXTEND YOURSELF

After the news about Christina's disappearance broke, the Mercury News asked me to help cover what was transpiring. Authorities didn't know what had happened to her-a possible runaway or abduction. It was soon classified as an abduction. I saw the trauma the family was experiencing, and felt compelled to keep providing coverage even though this kind of situation was not what drew me to a story. Sure, the Mercury News could have assigned another reporter to this story, but I hoped that in one way or another that the coverage I was providing would somehow make a difference.

During this time of pain for the family, countless hours were spent interviewing Christina's family about new developments in the case, their background, and feelings about all this. Often the questions were painful-painful to ask, and painful for the Williams family to answer. Neither one of us really wanted to go through this process. Perhaps the piece that answered my question about whether or not my work was helping the family came after an extensive piece was printed July 12th. I co-wrote it with Tracy Seipel, a Mercury News staff reporter. It vividly described the mental and physical pain that the family was going through, and how they were coping with the horrendous situation.

Michael Williams liked the piece, and found it accurate. He also shared an e-mail he received from a concerned reader that cited the article. She wrote: "I can't even begin to imagine what you have been going through. As I read your story in the *San Jose Mercury News* this morning I began to get a sense of what you are going through. I started to feel absolutely sick to my stomach and helpless as I thought about my own two nieces who are 12 and 14." This reader then went on to offer words of support to the Williams family.

No, the reports didn't right a wrong, didn't bring Christina back, but they did help many readers get a better understanding of what a nightmare the family was experiencing. They in turn could then extend support to the Williams. That in itself made this effort worthwhile for me.

DON'T NUMB THE PAIN

Michael Williams was tempted to drink the beer that was in his refrigerator to ease the pain of his daughter's mysterious disappearance in June. But he didn't. In fact, it was Marc Klaas, the father of Polly Klaas from Petulama who was murdered in 1993, who advised Michael to stay away from liquor. This was the time his daughter Christina needed him most, said Klaas.

Instead Williams turned to classical music. Talking to others also helped. And increasingly he turned to God for comfort.

The rest of his family had their individual coping mechanisms. Alice needed to keep busy by handing out fliers and preparing refreshments for visitors. Christina's older sister Jennifer made thousands of pins with her sister's picture and a yellow ribbon on them. And brother Michael, Jr. spent hours escaping on the computer.

This experience exposed the essence of each individual. "We have learned about the inner strength in every family member," said Michael Williams.

For people who went through the worst life has to offer, and to have confronted this cruel reality without the aid of potentially destructive "crutches," they set a good example for all of us. I admire this family for allowing themselves to go through the normal emotions to an abnormal situation without hurting themselves in the process.

BEING POSITIVE, EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE AS NEGATIVE AS THEY CAN GET

While reporting on the worst possible thing to happen to another human being, I witnessed some of the best qualities and acts of kindness come from hundreds of people.

The Williams family set the tone. Even though the miracle they were hoping for didn't happen, it is their positive thinking, their faith, and encouragement from others that is helping getting them through this and to move forward.

Since Christina didn't return home on June 12th, you've undoubtedly read or have heard about the thousands of e-mails that mostly strangers have sent; flowers, cards, and food that have been offered; and now memorial services and her funeral that people are attending to express their sympathy. Those actions speak loudly, and positively, of humanity. The most unusual expression of support that I witnessed occurred one afternoon this past summer when I was interviewing Michael Williams in his backyard. We couldn't see, but could hear someone at the front door singing. In fact, a stranger was outside serenading the family members who were waiting for Christina indoors. The Michael shared the lyrics with me, and I share them here with you:

Christina by Juronald D. Williams
(no relation)

"The Lord is watching over you Christina, watching your every move. He'll help you see it through. Your loved ones are waiting with their open arms for a safe return. We miss and love you so. Keep the faith for a brighter day. Christina you're in our heart, our mind, our soul. Christina you're on our mind every minute. The light of hope will always shine like the sparkles in your eyes. We pray for today and tomorrow the Lord will guide you all the way back home where you belong. Waiting for your safe return Christina, Christina."

Even though Christina did not return home, this stranger's effort was magnificent and memorable. Juronald, thank you for your heartfelt song. And Christina, thank you for giving us that sparkle in your eyes and that winning smile. We won't forget them.

(Editor's note: Laurie Giesen is a free-lance writer and photographer from the Monterey Peninsula. She chose not to be paid for this article, and dedicates it to Christina Williams and her family.)

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Hatton Canyon Park Moves Forward

At its January 11 meeting the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District irrevocably dedicated and created an easement creating an open space easement on the recently acquired 34 acre High Meadow parcel in Hatton Canyon for public recreation. This was one step towards the Board's goal of creating a public park and open space preserve for all of Hatton Canyon.

Ranchers' Days

Giddyup, the first organizational meeting for the 1999 Carmel Valley Ranchers' Days will be held Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stirrup Cup Banquet Room at the Running Iron restaurant in Carmel Valley. Everyone is encouraged to attend, for more information call Ron Builta at 626-8277.

Board of Education Vacancy

Carmel Unified School District Board member Gary Gray announced his resignation effective January 4, 1999. Mr. Gray served from 1987 to 1998. Anyone interested in being considered for this position may request an application by contacting the Superintendent's office at P.O. Box 222700, Carmel CA 93922 or call 624-1546 ext. 30. Applicants must be registered voters in the District.

Applications are due on February 4, 1999. Candidates will be interviewed beginning February 9th and an appointment is anticipated by February 11, 1999.

Carmel Valley Chamber Installation Dinner

The Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold its 44th annual Installation Dinner and 45th annual Good Egg Award on Monday, January 25 at Will's Fargo Restaurant. Cocktails at 6p.m. and dinner at 7p.m. Music will be by Gennady. For reservations call the Chamber office at 659-4000.

Incoming officers are: President, Demi Briscoe, First National Bank of Claifornia; First Vice President, Dorothy McEwen, The Holman Ranch; Second Vice President, Lisa Guthrie, Rancho San Carlos; Secretary, Don Condren, Attorney; Treasurer, Frank Quilty, C.P.A.; Past President, Pamela Norton, Uniglobe Unlimited Travel. Directors; Michael Cawdry, Carmel Valley Lodge; Jim Cecil, Bernardus Lodge; Tawny Jones Farmer, Running Iron Restaurant; Glen Gurries, Robles Del Rio Lodge; Marjorie Loughridge, Carmel Gold Printing and Notary; Martin Nicholson, Carmel Valley Ranch Resort; Sue Peccianti, Mail Boxes Etc.; Executive Director, Ann Olivier.

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As you are well aware, Cal-Am has been working hard to conserve water during the last couple of years and has been reaching out to the community to implement conservation measures mandated by an order from the State Water Resources Control Board. The goal was ambitious, but in 1998 we made it together. We can't rest on our laurels....WE MUST KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! Remember, the mandatory conservation measures are still in effect.

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Real Estate in THE SUN

Carol Jensen Root

Home Sales for the Week of December 27,1998 – January 2,1999

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- American College of Forensic Examine sold a property on Mission Street to Leslie and Ruth Kadis for $1,160,000.
- David Marshall sold a property on 7th Avenue to James and Kathleen Smart for $275,000.
- Harold and Bonnie Odum, Jr. sold 24391 San Juan Road to Richard Conklin for $540,000.
- Richard and Jo-Ann Ruffolo sold 25695 Baldwin Place to Scott Nance for $345,000.

CARMEL VALLEY:

- Frank and Barbara Russo sold 55 East Carmel Valley Road to Joan Friend for $980,000.

MONTEREY:

- John Johansen sold 400 Garden Avenue to Charles Fischer for $220,500.
- Herbert Meyer sold 230 Dunecrest Avenue #4 to Stephen Meyer for $400,000.
- Alexander Deli sold 451 Dela Vina Avenue to Susan Sullivan for $138,000.
- Paul and Barbara Hutchinson sold 251 Gayuba to Linda Dossman for $360,000.
- Margaret Sunkler sold 451 Clay Street to Mary McCord for $275,000.
- W.C. Mcclelland, deceased, sold 637 Lottie Street to Janis Lippert for $335,000.
- Luz Pacheco sold 461 Line Street to Manuel and Jancice Fierro for $200,000.
- Mickey and Jennie Gomez sold 863 Spencer Street to Hongbin and Lin Zhou for $226,000.
- Dorothy Miley sold 509 David Avenue to Travis Selfridge for $410,000.
- Christopher Gonzales sold 604 Pine Street to Nelson and Susan Vega for $230,000.
- Brian and Christine Rector sold 8 Via Ladera to John and Mary Hiserman for $370,000.
- John and Sylvia Anderson sold 36 Castro Road to Gregory and Rebecca Beardsley for $650,000.

PACIFIC GROVE:

- Boris Mineyev sold 386 Pico Place to Deborah Simpson for $530,000.

Carol Jensen Root, real estate loan representative for Peninsula Real Estate Loans, can be reached at 659-1516.

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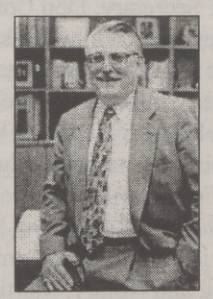

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This Also Sucks

Every now and again my instinctive distrust of the large corporate agenda is proven to be correct. Far from feeling enthused about being right though, I'm always a little saddened that we continue to tolerate and to contribute to their abominable method of data accumulation. Ostensibly their marketing techniques are used only for the purpose of giving a consuming public what they really want. And if you believe that, there is swampland for sale in other states.

When a friend purchased a new vacuum cleaner recently she found the experience so irritating that she thought I would be curious about what she termed the 'ultimate potential invasion' of her privacy. She was right. Not only was I interested, I believe that many of you have not taken the time to consider the ramifications of certain corporate information gathering practices.

For instance, if you purchased a small appliance recently undoubtedly you found the warranty card enclosed in the box the item came in. Attached to this card was a demographic survey.

Were you inclined to fill it out and return it to the manufacturer? Did you also believe that you were required to answer the questions in order to validate the warranty? Many people do and it's no accident. The companies attach this set of questions to the card to make you think just that.

Would it offend you to be asked to impart your confidential financial data, most personal habits and future family plans to an unknown entity collecting statistics for god knows what? It's enough to make a rational consumer nothing short of apoplectic.

For openers there are the customary questions dealing with your age, number of people in your home and income. But there are a total of twenty-seven, multiple-choice questions on this form, some with over fifteen choices. You could charter a new country and gain favorite nation status with less information.

Let's examine one of these forms given to the unsuspecting buyer under the guise of *Product Registration Form and Limited Warranty*. How do some of these questions strike you?

➢ *Does anyone in your household suffer from any of the following allergies?*

Do you suppose the vacuum cleaner company is considering adding a line of drugs?

➢ *Marital status?*

Why, are you trolling?

➢ *Do you own or rent your primary residence?*

So do you have a cousin in the real estate business, or someone who needs to rent a room?

➢ *Which of the following do you plan to do in the next: 1-3, 4-6, or 7-12 months.*

☐ *Get married?*
☐ *Have a baby?*
☐ *Buy a home? Buy a new vehicle, a used vehicle or a new computer?*

Am I missing something or do these questions sound just a bit too personal for an appliance survey? SHE ONLY BOUGHT A VACUUM CLEANER.

➢ *To help us understand our customers lifestyles please indicate the interests and activities in which you, or your spouse enjoy participating on a regular basis.*

There are forty-eight possible choices for this question. They include, but are by no means limited to the following:

☐ Casino gambling.
☐ Foreign travel.
☐ Donate to charitable causes.
☐ Bible/Devotional reading.
☐ Wines.
☐ Attending cultural events.

What possible use could the answers to these questions be to this company?

Perhaps the employees of this company moonlight as IRS agents. Maybe they're thinking of putting a new vacuum cleaner up as the grand prize on a Vegas roulette wheel? They could also be looking for religious converts or poster children for their favorite charity. I'm definitely at a loss. What do you think?

The very last line at the bottom of the form states the following:

If for some reason you do not wish to participate in this opportunity please check here.

What opportunity? Since this information will be sold to other companies on receipt, it must be the opportunity to get more telemarketing calls and junk mail.

As it turns out once the machine was put to use, it didn't perform very well. You could say the questionnaire had more sucking power than the vacuum cleaner. How's that for adding insult to onslaught? Could it be that less marketing genius and more quality engineering is called for here?

Barbra Alexander provides a variety of financial services. She can be heard every Saturday from 8 to 9am hosting the popular Money Hot-Line on KSCO 1080AM. You can reach Barbra directly at 831-373-TALK.

"Am I missing something or do these questions sound just a bit too personal for an appliance survey?"

Resting Well

Is It Time for A New Mattress?

by Brian Gingerich
Mattress Specialist

Beds wear out so gradually, you may not notice because your body constantly makes small adjustments daily. It takes sleeping in a good bed to recognize the difference. If you ache in the morning and can't stand to stay in bed, it's probably time for a new mattress.

A worn out mattress can seriously undermine efforts to stay in great health. Everything good you do for your body is negated by a bad bed. Exercise and proper diet can only do so much if your body is resting in a position without the proper support. Breathing and circulation is affected and you do not have the comfort that allows you to fall into a deep sleep.

Very simply, a mattress is a spring unit upholstered with layers of padding. A quality spring should give an average size adult a support life of ten years, yet padding generally will not last that long. What makes the difference is the quality of the padding.

When a bed doesn't contour enough, most of your weight is supported on your hips and your shoulders. Pressure on these points is not only uncomfortable but can cut off circulation and cause you to roll from side to side all night. When it contours too much, you sink in and lose good posture, much like sleeping in a hammock.

A well-made mattress of high quality materials will return to its original shape so you won't need to turn it every month to fluff poor quality padding. It will mold to your body and hold you in good posture with a feeling that you think is comfortable.

Consumer Reports offers good, reliable information about beds and mattresses. You can also visit the Monterey Mattress Company showroom near the Barnyard. There you can look inside at the superior construction and materials used in our beds. Then lie down for the final test and you will feel the difference.

Put Your Mattress to the Test:

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2. ***The padding should feel resiliant and supportive.***
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CANNERY ROW	**Bluefin Billiards** 375-7000	"Dizzy Burnett Quartet" 9pm-12am Free Swing lessons 8pm	"The Chop Tops" Rock-a-billy with an attitude! 9pm-1am	"The Hepsters" Roots rock from Santa Cruz with Gil Cadilli 9pm-1am	Military Night - 1/2 off pool for all active military 7pm-close	Pint Night - Keep the glass on featured beer! 9-ball tourney 7:30pm	1/2 off Tuesday 1/2 off Pool all night! 7pm-Close	Ladies Night 1/2 off pool for women 7pm-Close DJ Dance
	Doc's Nightclub 649-4241	"Austin Lounge Lizards"	"Sean Kennedy & the King Kats" & "Candye Kane"	"Electric Playground" & "Mudskippers"	Closed	Closed	"Naughty Babies," "Slap Happy," & "Wyrm"	The Andrew Nelson Blues Explosion
	Planet Gemini 373-1449	Live comedy with Chaz Elstner & Rodney Johnson 9pm	Live comedy with Chaz Elstner & Rodney Johnson 9pm	Live comedy with Chaz Elstner & Rodney Johnson 9pm	Super Combo: Oasis & Tropical 2000	Closed	Closed	Club La Buena "Los Carlos" with Grupo Fuego 9pm
	Sly McFly's 649-8050	Call for information	"Red Beans & Rice" 8:30pm No cover	John "Broadway" Tucker 8:30pm No cover	Call for information	Call for information	Hot jazz jam with Joe Lucido 8:30pm-1am	Call for information
	Whitey's Place 646-8383	Open Mic with Gary Strothers 9pm	Roots rock with "Juice" 9:30pm	Comic Review with L.G. Brown $5 Cover 9:30pm	Open Mic with Gary Strothers 8pm-midnight	Game Night 6pm	Gold Record Karaoke 9pm	New - Video Golf Tournament 9pm
MONTEREY	**Long Bar** 372-2244	Call for information	DJ Dancing	DJ Dancing	Football	Call for information	Jager Night $2.75 Jager shots	$2.00 Domestic Drafts
	McGarrett's 646-9244	Call for Information	No Cover Until 11pm DJ Dancing	DJ Dance with DJ Joe & Joey the Juice 8pm	Salsa Night! 8pm	Male and Female Exotic dancers 8pm	Closed	Country Night with DJ Johnny Morgan 8pm
	Viva Monterey 646-1415	Fred & Ethel	DJ Dancing & After Hours open to 3:30 $5 - 1:30-3:30am	DJ Dancing & After Hours open to 3:30 $5 - 1:30-3:30am	DJ 9:30pm-12:30am	Songwriters Showcase with guest 8:30pm	Songwriters Showcase with guest 8:30pm	DJ Dancing
CV	**Plaza Linda** 659-4229	Storm Nilson & Renzo A. Staiano 6-8pm	Call for information	Casa de Jazz with the "Buddy Jones Trio" 6-9pm	Candlelight Southwest Dinner & Wine Extravaganza $45 Limited seating	Call for information	Call for Information	TBA

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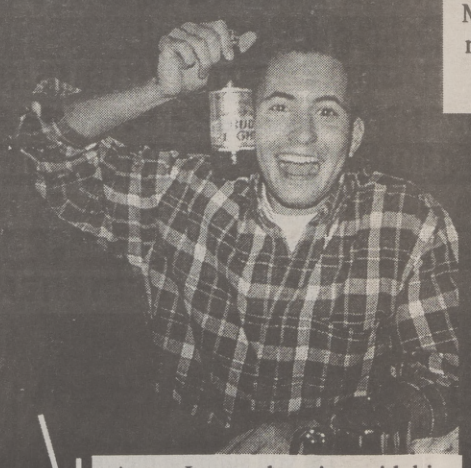
Paparazzi

Brian with his new friends, the Jaegger Girls at McGarrett's.



Aaron Leonard posing with his cerveza d'amour at Long Bar.

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Around Town with ELIZABETH Cowley

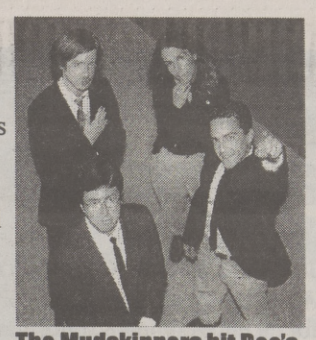
Candye Kane, 200 pounds of fun, is coming to Doc's this Friday night. Ms. Kane's talents are many including porn star, model for such literary magazines as *Juggs* (she boasts a 52" bustline), appearances on The Gong Show, and phone-sex operator. She's combined these many talents with music to become the queen of swing. "It's like a revival meeting in an X-rated bookstore parking lot," says Kane's press release. Being all things a young lady isn't supposed to be – 200 pounds, single mom, gang member, porn star etc, - Candye had a few false starts before finding someone to sign her that didn't want to turn her into an aerobics queen or born again Christian. Kane's debut CD *Swango* is a hit and she also landed a track on the '96 House of Blues compilation CD *30 Essential Women Of The Blues*, keeping company with the likes of Etta James and Big Momma Thornton. Candye will be joined by accordionist, accountant and partner Sue "Beehive" Palmer. Opening the swing festivities will be **Sean Kennedy and The King Kats**. The Kats always put on a great show but I'm guessing this time they have met their match in Candye. Those opposed to crooning, large breasted ex-porn stars need not attend but for everyone else, this show is bound to go down in history. Free swing lessons at 8:30p.m. before the show.

The Chop Tops will delight you with their rockabilly tunes Friday night at BlueFin.

It's a swing and rockabilly frenzy at BlueFin this week. Learn to swing on Thursday beginning at 8, followed by Fin favorite **Dizzy Burnett**. Friday night marks the return of **The Chop Tops**, a popular Santa Cruz band. Listen for rockabilly, jumpin' hillbilly rock and of course some traditional surf (they are from Santa Cruz after all).

To finish the weekend, **The Hepsters** hit The Fin on Saturday. Formed during the 1980 rockabilly revival, The Hepsters are now on the road again after a 14-year hiatus. Gil Cadilli (vocals and acoustic guitar) and Andy Miller (electric guitar and back up vocals) were the original Hepsters but have added new talent Mike Phillips (stand-up bass and back up vocals), Mark Bohn (drums), and Pancho Rodriquez (clave, quiro and shakers). The Hepsters blend rockabilly, country swing, Latin and rock and roll. O.K., who knows what a "quiro" is?

The Mudskippers open for **Electric Playground** at Doc's this Saturday. The Mudskippers have been on a roll lately, playing some great shows to an appreciative audience.



The Mudskippers hit Doc's this Saturday night.

Frontman Michael Cabaluna never fails to give it his all, feigning madness in his stage antics, and he has the talented vocal cords to bring it home. Mac Talley, guitarist extraordinaire, lends his formidable talent to the line-up making for an air-tight listening experience. If you have somehow missed the Mudskipper experience, take this opportunity, and show up early – showtime 9p.m.

After hours dancing returns to Monterey at Viva's this week. When 1a.m. is just too early to call it a night, head to Viva's for an extra 2 hours of danceateria fun under the black lights and crazy wall décor. Friday and Saturday the DJ will be spinning the groove at 11p.m. and a $5 cover will be charged beginning at 1:30a.m. with dancing until 3:30p.m.

Sly McFly's is giving a double-header of blues this weekend beginning with **Red Beans and Rice** on Friday and **John "Broadway" Tucker** on Saturday. As always, there is no cover at Sly's, shows begin at 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday's local band night at Doc's will feature **Naughty Babies, Slap Happy** and new guys – **Wyrm,** this Tuesday night.

For you moviegoers tempted to see The Thin Red Line, let me just say - Don't. I've never witnessed so many people walk out of a theater, I only wish I had been one of them.

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Matt and Sean mugging up a storm.

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Saturday
Jan. 23

Jessica Williams

Jessica Williams is an incredible pianist that you do not want to miss. This solo performance comes after her trio provided an exceptional evening of music here in September, right before her appearance at the Monterey Jazz Festival. Dave Brubeck has called Williams the "best improvising pianist playing today." Her most recent solo recording is entitled *Joyful Sorrow* on the Blackhawk label, which is a tribute to Bill Evans recorded at The Jazz Store. And her trio's new CD, *Jazz In The Afternoon*, is available on the Candid label.

Rebecca Parris returns to The Jazz Store after her appearance here last May, when she left the audience wanting to hear more of her fabulous voice. Her concerts are memorable for the great selection of material, Parris' incredible range & vocal technique, & her wonderful sense of humor. She has toured with Count Basie, Woody Herman, & Joe Williams, & has performed at jazz festivals around the world. She will be performing a two-night engagement, so be sure not to miss a great show!

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Thursday Jan 21

A **Dale Carnegie Training** workshop titled, **"Where Does All the Time Go? – a Time Management Workshop"** will be held at the **McCormick & Co Training Facility**, 1311 Schilling Place, Salinas. Time: 6pm & 9pm. The speaker is Gail Turner. Cost of the workshop is $55 per participant & reservations are required. Call: 378-5244.

Carmel High School Dance Company will be hosting their annual winter dance concert at **Sunset Center** on Thursday at 7:30pm. Joining Carmel High School dancers will be dancers from **Carmel Middle School, Pacific Grove High School, & Santa Catalina.** Please come join in the fun & support the arts through our local schools. Donation at the door $3 students/seniors & $5 adults.

Mary Anne Randl & Ames Anderson will perform **"Music From Our Long Blonde Roots: Celtic To Cowboy."** Playing & singing in the acoustic folk tradition, the lively musicians can be seen & hear at the Monterey Museum of Art for the monthly Third Thursday event from 5-7pm at the Civic Center location, 559 Pacific Street.

Join **Dick Crispo, Carmel Art Association** artist & art historian, at 7pm, for an entertaining & informative talk about the history of art along the Mediterranean. Crispo's talk is in anticipation of his forthcoming two-week journey in July aboard the Grand Princess, the world's largest ship, launched less than one year ago. The CAA is located on Dolores St. between 5th & 6th. Free to the public. Information: 624-6176.

Thursday - Sunday Jan 21-24

Unicorn Theatre's Main Stage Season 1999 opens with ***The Lion In Winter***. *Lion* is a period account of a Christmas meeting between the Kings of England & France in the winter of 1183. Steeped in historic richness, the play is comic, yet poignant. Tickets: $15-$12. Showtimes: Thurs. – Sat. 8pm & Sun. 7pm. Unicorn is located at 320 Hoffman Ave. at Lighthouse in Monterey. Information: 649-0259.

Every Thursday through Sunday, from 7 to 11pm, a mellow jazz trio is featured in the Lobby Lounge at the **Inn at Spanish Bay.** There is no charge for the music & valet parking is complimentary. This weekend enjoy the **Weber Iago Trio** featuring **Ali Ryerson** on flute. Ali is a classically trained flutist, from the East Coast, who has made the transition from classical to jazz.

Saturday Jan 23

Native Plant Restoration near Carmel/PG&E utility lines (Aguajito Rd./HWY 68 exit to Pacific Grove) 9:30am to 3:30pm. Planting organized by **Paola Berthoin** in conjunction with project **RisingLeaf.** The purpose is to move beyond the dismay/ anger expressed by the public & to extend a gesture of goodwill between the community & PG&E. More information contact Paola at 624-9467.

The Jazz Store in Carmel presents **W&J Graham's Port Jazz Series.** This Saturday listen to Jessica Williams. Jessica is an incredible pianist that you do not want to miss. Standard admission is $25 per person (some concert admissions are higher). Students (under 18) ½ price. Reservations: 624-6432.

Glencoe/McGraw Hill is pleased to co-sponsor a second teacher's workshop at the **Monterey Museum of Art. Martin Isaacson** will return to enlighten & enrich understanding of art & the teaching experience, beginning with the study of early designs & tools. Mr. Isaacson integrates the arts with history, social studies, & philosophy. Reservations are necessary. Time: 9am-3pm, Buck Education Center. Free for members, $15 non-members, membership fee for teachers is $15. Information: 372-5477.

The Northminister Concert Series presents the **Santa Clara Men's Chorus** in their Monterey County debut on Sat. at 7:30pm at **Northminister Presbyterian Church**, 315 E. Alvin Drive in Salinas. Under the direction of **Jeff Amorosa**, the Santa Clara Men's Chorus will delight their audience in a program entitled, "Clean-cut with Gershwin!" Northminister Concert Series concerts are always presented free of charge, however a free-will offering will be taken. Information: 831-449-2717.

Are you tired of never having money? A representative from an International Catalogue Company will present a "free seminar" at 7pm. Call 659-3553 for more information & directions.

Saturday & Sunday Jan 23&24

Unicorn Theatre & Family Fantasy Theatre (Children's Theatre) presents ***Winnie the Pooh & Friends*** at the Hoffman Playhouse in Monterey. Now in its 4th year at the Hoffman Playhouse "Pooh" features three new stories adapted by Unicorn Theatre's Artistic Director, Carey Crockett. Performances: Sat. at 2pm & 4pm & Sun. at 1pm & 3pm. All tickets are $5. Information & reservations: 649-0259.

Postures & Movements for Energy – Self-Healing Qigong Practices from Traditional Chinese Medicine with Medical Qigong Master, Dr. Bingkun Hu. Sat. & Sun. from 9am to 5pm at the Land of Medicine Buddha, Soquel. Wonderfully simple & profoundly effective ways to change energy. Learn why & how they work! Includes instruction in the medical benefits of different energy flows, & practices to do at home. Cost $150. Some discounts. Information: 462-8383.

Sunday Jan 24

The Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy will offer a free public star party at the new **Weaver Student Observatory** in **Marina** from 6-8pm. Enjoy views of Saturn's rings, Jupiter's moons & more! Rain or heavy clouds cancels. Information: 883-1000.

Monday Jan 25

The Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce is holding their 44th Annual Installation & 45th Annual Good Egg Award Dinner at Will's Fargo Restaurant. Cocktails at 6pm & dinner at 7pm. Music will be by Gennady. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber at 659-4000.

Wednesday Jan 27

The Biola Brass will perform at **First Baptist Carmel Valley** at 7pm. This 16-piece student ensemble hails from Biola University in Los Angeles. Their program will include a variety of music ranging from sacred & traditional brass pieces to newer upbeat & fun styles. Admission is free. FBCCV is located at 8340 Carmel Valley Rd. (4.5 miles from HWY 1). Information: 624-5551.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH - The American Cancer Society is seeking people who can give four hours a week to **Helpline**, a resource program for cancer patients, their families, & community members. Volunteers provide information & referrals, coordinate patient services, & offer emotional support. A brief pre-training interview is required. Training will be held on Thursday, Jan. 28th from 1 to 5pm. To schedule an interview or for further information call 372-4521.

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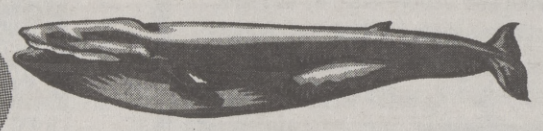

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On The FOOD Front

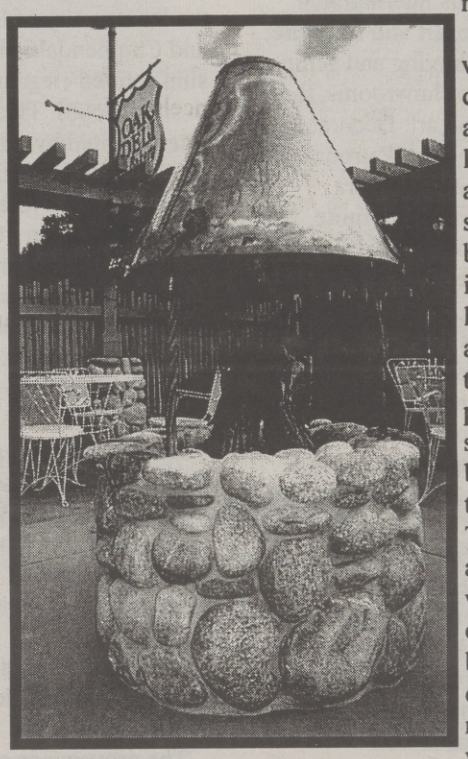
THE FEAST IS... ON! BY McTAVISH

The Scotsman Drops By The Oak Deli

It was a warm, sunny day in January when I rode into the Valley to pay my respects to a venerable institution in CV Village: The Oak Deli. Yes, it was 72 degrees, which was fine with me since my heating bills for December and
January beggar the mind to describe. Suffice to say that my children won't be attending college, or even high school any time soon. Anyway, I think speaking, reading and writing are very overrated, and much of the American populace seems to get by without those skills. Eight hours of TV a day will do.

The Oak Deli has been in the same location for decades, but has been managed by current owner Jon Kasky for the last 12 years, and it serves a wide selection of sandwiches, fresh soups, salads and pastas to the hungry. While travelers and the local work force often opt for take-out orders, the Oak Deli has a few tables inside and several out on their famous deck--for those who wish to languish in the valley sun. (The deck has been recently upgraded by local craftsmen, using recycled river rocks and grape stakes.) Thankfully, through diligent planning and a little luck,
conditions were optimal during my visit, so I was able to bask like a lizard on the patio beneath the glowing orb hanging in the sky above. After meeting my pal Ulrika, we made a beeline for the deli counter to survey the selection. She chose the spinach lasagna, along with smaller dishes of mom's macaroni salad and Chinese wild rice. I made sure to confirm that they were all tasty, and I especially liked the spicy rice dish. I requested a ham & Swiss cheese sandwich on a French roll--which was big enough for even Dagwood to admire. I recommend this creation, of course with Dijon mustard to accent the ham.

I was excited to learn that the homemade soup of the day was turkey vegetable, and it sure lived up to its promising smell. It is hard to truly enjoy a soup when using a plastic spoon and bowl. Jon Kasky agreed with me and intends in the near future to provide solid bowls and silverware for customers who choose to eat there. Yes, in the past the Oak has been more of a take-out deli, but with recent improvements, they seem to want to improve the experience and more diners are staying and eating there. This seems wise, since the quality of food at the Oak is on a much higher level than many so called delis.



The Oak Deli's newly remodeled patio employing native river rock and metal work by Alan Drew.

Anyway, my soup was filled with big chunks of turkey, along with vegetables like carrots, potatoes and zucchini. It tasted so fresh, I dipped bread and crackers into the broth to prolong the meal. Ulrika and I were both certainly full by that point, but the day was so nice we racked our brains for an excuse to linger on the deck. Then it struck us like a bolt of lightning: walnut chews. The chews are flat, brownie-like creations that are moist and delicious without being too sweet. They can be found next to the muffins, cookies (baked daily), chocolate cake, banana bread, strudels and other treats in the dessert display container. The Oak Deli also provides full-service catering and they specialize in weddings, corporate meetings and social BBQ's.

As Jon Kasky told me: "We bought the business twelve years ago. It took seven years to buy the building and another five to recover. We now feel it's appropriate to Carmel Valley Village in its design and structural improvements." So whether you live nearby or are just passing through, don't miss the chance to sample their hearty and reasonably priced fare. With its consistent popularity, the Oak Deli should be a landmark in Carmel Valley for decades to come.

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OPINION

What's Next?

Mel Vercoe

Some of my early heroes were the little kid trying to save everybody by sticking his finger in a hole in a dike, the midnight horse rider, Paul Revere, and Don Quixote, who risked his life flailing at windmill blades with his trusty sword.

In today's world we could make good use of a few people in Washington unafraid to speak up, trying to keep our debt-ridden nation from going into bankruptcy, or hoping to keep us from starting World War Three, (with us in the front row), or insisting that we quit playing games with such serious matters as worsening crime and over-population and resource destruction problems, not to mention growing loss of faith in our government's ability to properly govern.

So, today I called the Federal election people in Washington, and they will be sending me material on applying for the President job in the next Presidential election, which will be fairly safe for me to do, because most of the ladies I have had affairs with must, by now, have forgotten a fairly high percentage of the type of incidents that might have made me either very popular or unpopular, in a national election.

I recognize that I may not get much campaign funding from the military-industrial complex that Eisenhower tried to warn us about, or from the outer space enthusiasts who think exploring Mars is more important than exploring ways to provide shelter and medical care for people who may not have it.

Worse, yet, my insistence that we find a cure for the deadly anti-Communist paranoia disease may cost me a lot of right wing Falwell-type votes, but we simply cannot afford either another Cold War or a war with China.

Dorothy Zoe Draper

Provenance

Provenance – from the Latin Provenir – to come forth. Provenance – a beautiful word to pronounce; the soft lovely vowels.

Everything has its Provenance: humans, furniture, houses, animals.

A human male or female is exactly what he or she is – your own DNA, the parents, grandparents, the definite characteristics, your own unique personality, looks, behavior, style. Your own provenance.

There is an enormous international world of high finance, art and furniture; dealers, auctioneers, buying and selling, art galleries, furniture showrooms, the selling of furniture and art. Decorators – buyers of furniture and art. Patrons – the very rich who hire the decorators.

All these people are very definite, very learned, about the provenance of each piece of furniture, each painting. Is the desk truly an antique, or is it a copy? A few very good copies can be as expensive as an antique. What is the period of the antique? Is it eighteenth century? If so, is it early 18th Century of late 18th Century? Is the piece entirely antique or does it have new pieces where old parts were broken? Its date must be accurately set.

To sell, the period, the entire provenance of the piece must be exact.

Victorian furniture for instance, is excessively ugly, dark, dreary. Victorian rooms were ugly and crammed with rather vulgar objects. But many people like it and pay vast prices for it.

The loveliest antiques are later than the Louis periods. Louis XIII, heavy and dark, Louis XIV, too much carving, gilt, silk and satin, too rich. Napoleon, or rather Josephine, simplified. But the furniture emphasized the brutality of the period. The killings, the wars; everything in furniture decoration was related to Napoleon's wars. Egyptian influence came from a bloody conquest. Arrows, axes, swords, spears decorated the highly polishes mahogany furniture.

For me, the most attractive furniture was designed by the English Adam brothers 1728-1792. They took their designs from Rome. Their houses and furniture were classical, formal. Under the influence of the Roman city of Herculeum, Rococo and Chippendale disappeared; replaced by slim refined elegant furniture, from tables to snuff boxes. This delicate furniture was often painted by Angelica Kauffman, who also painted exquisite ceilings. Furniture was all straight lines with carved swags, festoons and lion heads.

Decorating has provenance; great players in this expensive game were, Elsie de Wolf (Lady Mendl), Dorothy Draper, John Fowler, Mark Hampton, Mrs. Cole Porter and the very great Ruby Ross Wood.

Houses, palaces, grand hotels, farmhouses, chinese tea houses all have their provenance. A minor East Coast snobbery is that a house is never a home. "Let's go home," I would say to my husband. "You mean, let's return to our house."

All animals, dogs, cats, birds, elephants, monkeys, snakes, lemurs have their provenance.

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What About Those Raccoons?

According to Vern Yadon noted naturalist, two centuries ago there were probably only about 100 raccoons on the Monterey Peninsula. Today there may be nearly 2,000.

The answer is people feed them, find them cute and amusing. As a food resource becomes greater, and more accessible, wild animal populations, as does the human, increase.

Because there has been protest of Pacific Grove's killing of raccoons (over 175 so far)... the SPCA of Monterey County has protested, and a citizens' group (CARE) Citizens Against Raccoon Extermination, joined by the national animal protection organization In Defense of Animals (IDA) has filed a lawsuit to end the killing... we welcome, as a guest columnist, Russell Tenofsky Director of Communications of IDA:

"The human population explosion has drastically reduced the space for native wildlife and, as a result, encounters between people and wildlife are becoming more frequent, with greater consequences to both people and animals. In fact, human/wildlife encounters have increased to the point where many people now see native animal species as "problems." Unfortunately, the first reaction of many local governments has been to kill the animals first and investigate the problem later.

"The human population explosion has drastically reduced the space for native wildlife and, as a result, encounters between people and wildlife are becoming more frequent..."

A perfect example of this all-too-common tragedy is happening in Pacific Grove. The city started trapping and killing raccoons after an unfortunate incident in which a young child contracted a rare disease caused by a roundworm parasite commonly found in raccoons. Pacific Grove animal control officers trapped and killed over 175 raccoons until a group of concerned citizens formed Citizens Against Raccoon Extermination (CARE) and, along with the national animal protection organization In Defense of Animals (IDA), filed a lawsuit seeking an end to the killing.

This incident is far from isolated. Whether it be raccoons, deer, bears, cougars, etc., city officials too frequently "shoot first and ask questions later" when dealing with so-called "problem" or "nuisance" animals. For the moment, thanks to the recently filed lawsuit, the trapping and killing of raccoons in Pacific Grove has stopped.

When communities face "problems" with wildlife, it is imperative that we have open dialogues and use common sense before taking any action. Simple, cost effective – and humane – solutions almost always exist. Highly effective alternatives to killing animals range from not feeding wildlife and keeping yards clean of food and animal feces, to progressive solutions to overpopulation such as using contraception. Decisions about how to address and resolve conflicts between people and wildlife should be made by communities as a whole, rather than by a few individuals who may not consider all of the perspectives and alternatives.

The way we as a community deal with wildlife issues shapes and guides the way we live and interact with nature as a whole. We are creating the groundwork for lasting positive change when we shift our focus from one of dominance and death to one of respect, community and harmony.

I encourage all of you to contact your local government to let them know that you are in favor of moving beyond the status quo – that you are concerned about how people and animals are affected by the decisions and actions of our city officials. It is not enough just to be concerned; we must also voice our opinions if we want change. The senseless and unethical killing of animals will continue unabated unless courageous and caring individuals continue to serve as a voice for the voiceless.

You can help support this effort by contributing to the "I-CARE" fund. Please send tax-deductible donations to In Defense of Animals ATTN: "I-CARE" Fund 131 Camino Alto, Ste. E, Mill Valley, CA 92941. Your donation will help to defray the legal costs of stopping the senseless extermination of raccoons by the city of Pacific Grove."

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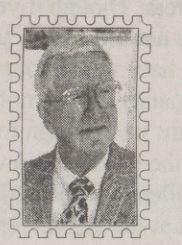

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VALLEY COMMUNITY River Ramblings

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Best Ever Village Affair

The 10th Annual Village Affair last Monday in the words of everyone there was the "best ever." There were fantastic items in the silent auction, many of which sold for near or greater than their stated value. There was spirited bidding during the live action fostered by the encouragement of auctioneers Pete de Vries and Les Boswell with the help of Master of Ceremonies Pat Duval.

Sam and Marjorie where the lucky winners of "Big Red" at the Village Affair.

There was delicious food from 19 of the Valley's finest restaurants and caterers. Though if you were not there early you may have missed out. With a capacity crowd, not all the booths had enough food to last the evening. No wonder the silent auction action was light at the beginning. Everyone had wisely headed in for the food and wine first. Eleven wineries, more than ever before, were pouring their finest. There were especially rave reviews for Chateau Christina, Georis Winery and River Ranch Winery.

Undoubtedly, what made this 10th Annual Village Affair so successful, besides the great food, wine and auction items, was the large turn out of valley neighbors and guests. It was the biggest crowd ever. That was made possible through the generous donation of Roy and Donna Woods to use their new building.

Everyone involved with CVVIC was effusive with praise and thanks to Roy Woods for everything he did to open up his building for this event. There was twice as much space as available for previous Village Affairs and it was needed for the capacity crowd. It was a memorable night. Everyone recognized the historic 10th celebration and made an extra effort to make the night special and to offer the best selection of auction items, food and wine.

The Woods building was key to the success of the evening. Though, hopefully this will be a once in-a-life-time opportunity. The Woods property is so well built and landscaped with its rose garden and wine trellises, that, soon, the right buyer or renter(s) has to come along and occupy the building.

The big winners of the evening were Sam and Marjorie Klemek who won "Big Red," the vintage red convertible Cadillac donated by The Running Iron. Marjorie wanted to leave midway through the live auction. Sam insisted that they stay till the end. He wanted to see if he would win Big Red. He only bought one ticket; that's all it takes. So along with winning the car, they have also won a spot in the annual Fiesta Parade. We look forward to seeing them this August. In the meantime, if you see them driving around the Valley, wave. You can't miss the car, or their smiles.

This year's Lady in Red was Lori Swiess. She may not have been buying up half the auction as last year's lady in red was, but without Lori's organization and keeping on top of the financials the event could not be as successful. Special Kudos go to Joan Vandervort and Leslie Voss, the "V" ladies, very proficient, very charming, very special, and very successful Co-Chairs of this year's event. Thanks also to the expert cast of regular CVVIC members who are always there to help out, Randy & Charleen Randazzo, Peter Coakley, Rob & Virginia Chapman, Bob Bickel, Lee Rieman, Glen Gurries, Demi Briscoe, Pinkie Terry, Rickey Wolfe, Daniel Barduzzi, Don Swiess, and Judy Benjamin.

Fran Anderson and Sammy Hetner (with balloon hat) visiting from Texas.

The 1999, 10th Annual Village Affair was a great success. Thanks to all who attended and made it possible.

CVPOA News

At its monthly meeting last week, the Carmel Valley Property Owner's Association (CVPOA) Board of Directors and members heard special presentations from Doug Steiny, about the proposed Carmel Community Center on Rio Road, and from Fran Farina, about September Ranch and issues relating to incorporation and secession. Members discussed issues effecting land use and traffic in Carmel Valley, the transfer of water rights that would impact development in the Valley, and the upcoming CVPOA Annual Meeting on February 10th and the Town Meeting scheduled for February 18th.

Doug Steiny outlined the history of the Community Center Project which was initiated by the Carmel 1st Presbyterian Church. It has now become its own separate 501.c.3 organization and is inter-denominational. The Center will provided needed services for the whole community of all ages, not just youth. Fran Farina in her discussion if issues concerning September Ranch cautioned about allowing transfer of water rights, "water stripping" might be a better term, from one property to another. She said, "if we don't speak up, development will be shoved down our throat."

Recent surveys of Valley Residents have dramatized the heightened concern for preserving the rural character of Carmel Valley. CVPOA is committed to working to preserve the rural character and to give residents an added voice in making their opinions known. Membership in CVPOA is one way to help get the voice of the Valley heard in Salinas. Regardless of future efforts to incorporate or have the peninsula secede from the remainder of the County, the Valley's voice needs to be heard today. Individually, there is not much impact. Together, united in commitment, the voice of the Valley can impact decisions in Salinas, now.

The CVPOA Annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10th, 7:30pm at St. Phillips Church 8065 Carmel Valley Road across from All Saints School. The guest speaker will be Mayor Ken White talking about his proposal for the Peninsula to secede from the County.

Stahls Win Red Apple Award

Last week's Carmel Unified School District Board Meeting was held at Carmel Valley High School located off of Schulte Road. Principal Brian Fuessenich presented the school's annual Red Apple award for exceptional volunteers to Bill and Laura Stahl for their many contributions to the school over the past few years. Support from the Stahls has enabled the school to obtain new equipment that has allowed the school to expand opportunities for the more than thirty students who attend C. V. High.

The alternative school provides individualized instruction for students, based on a core academic curriculum. The school challenges each student to learn in a way that best accommodates their interests.

Chamber Dinner

This Monday evening, January 25th will be the annual Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce dinner, installation of officers and presentation of the "Good Egg" Award. The event will be at Will's Fargo Restaurant beginning at 6pm. Tickets are $40/person. For tickets contact the Chamber office on Carmel Valley Road or by calling 659-4000.

100TH Column

Time passes too quickly these days. It's hard to believe this is my 100th column since writing my first River Ramblings on February 20th, 1997. It has been a lot of fun and a rewarding experience. Writing this weekly column has given me an opportunity to become involved in community events that I might not otherwise follow. It has given me an opportunity to interview some wonderful people. I've gained an added appreciation for this wonderful community of Carmel Valley and the marvelous people who live here.

I treasure the opportunity of writing about some of the interesting events and issues in our community. I wish I could cover more of them and do a better job of it. Regretfully, I cannot continue devoting the time it takes to write this column on a weekly basis. My other business obligations must take precedence.

There are still more columns I'd like to write. I certainly can't retire from a weekly River Ramblings without first making a big pitch for the C.V. Library and the up coming "Night at the Buckeye." So watch for that column February 4th. Next week I'll share with you stories about the "Good Egg" award recipients. There is the upcoming Town Meeting on February 18th that I also want to provide information about.

By sharing the news with you now of my intention to withdraw from writing River Ramblings, I hope that someone will step forward and offer to carry on this local column. You can have the keyboard full time or we could share it. If you're interested, give me a call at 659-9765 or call Elizabeth Cowley at 659-9786.

COPS

December 22

Carmel Valley: Woman reported that an unknown male subject exposed his penis to her. Suspect fled the area prior to police arrival.

December 23

Monterey: Man reports that sometime during the night vandals cut a cable securing golf carts and went joy riding on the property.

Monterey: Woman reports someone damaged two statues located on a cement wall outside her residence. A street sign at Saddle Road and Paseo Real was also knocked down.

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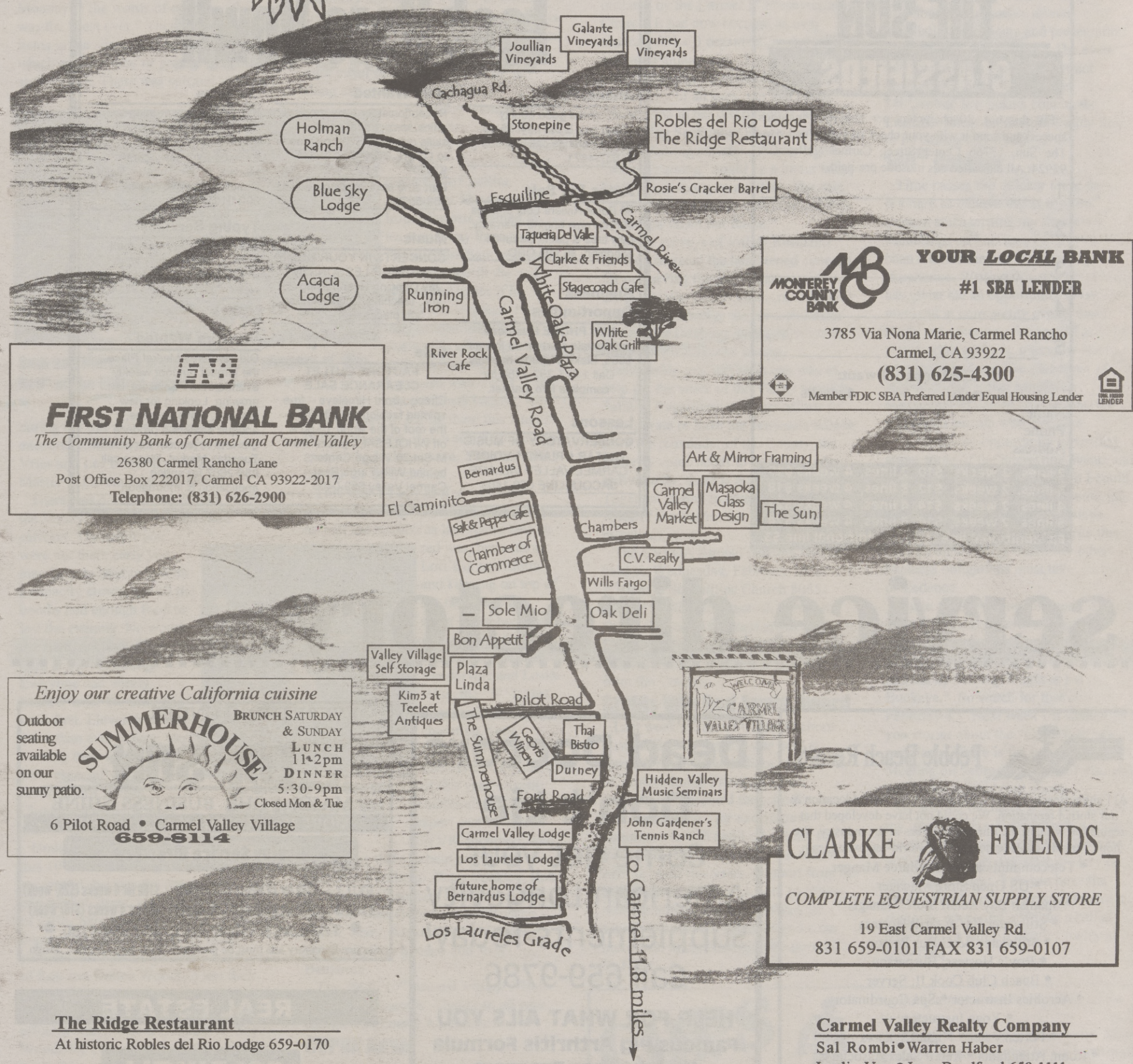

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